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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows (with strikethrough indicating deletions and underlining indicating additions to the amended claims):

1. (Currently Amended) A method for previewing media products comprising the steps of:
providing a preview device for previewing predetermined preview clips of a plurality of pre-recorded media products, each preview clip comprising a less than whole portion of the associated pre-recorded media product;

interactively indicating which of said plurality of pre-recorded media products is to be previewed by moving a graphically embodied cursor of a graphical user interface (GUI) across a predefined boundary of a trigger field displayed on said GUI, said trigger field being associated with one of the pre-recorded media products; and

instantly playing said preview clip of an indicated the pre-record media product associated with the trigger field in real time without noticeable delay upon the cursor crossing said predefined boundary of the trigger field; and

terminating the playing of said preview clip upon moving said cursor out of said trigger field and across said boundary of said trigger field.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of pre-recorded media products is at least one of music, video, movie, electric game program, and software program.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said preview device includes an immediately accessible staging memory adapted to at least temporarily store said preview clips to allow instant playing thereof.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said preview clips of plurality of pre-recorded media products are stored in a media product storage device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further including the steps of retrieving and pre-loading said preview clips into said staging memory of said previewing device from said media product storage device.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said previewing device is at least one of a computer, a set top box, an Internet appliance connected to a communications link, a listening booth, a kiosk, an in-store juke box, and a sample computer.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said media product storage device is at least one of a hard drive, a server, a mini-disc, a CD, a DVD, a Laser Disc, and a solid state memory device.
8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said previewing device is a computer and said staging memory is at least one of RAM, cache memory, and a portable hard drive.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 10~~ claim 1, wherein the cursor is moved by an input device operated by the user, said input device being at least one of a mouse, a track ball, a touch pad and a touch screen.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each of said predetermined preview clips are segments representative of content of one of said plurality of pre-recorded media products.

15. (Currently Amended) An interactive graphical user interface for allowing a user to remotely preview media product through a communications link comprising:

a plurality of trigger fields identifying a plurality of pre-recorded media products, each of said plurality of trigger fields being associated with a preview clip of at least one of said plurality of pre-recorded media products;

wherein upon moving a cursor into one of said plurality of trigger fields, a the preview clip associated therewith is instantly played in real time without noticeable delay; and

wherein said GUI is further adapted to instantly terminate playing of said preview clip associated with said one of said plurality of trigger fields when said cursor leaves said trigger field.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 15, wherein said cursor is moved by an input device operated by a remote user, said input device being at least one of a mouse, a track ball, a touch pad and a touch screen.

18. (Currently Amended) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 15, wherein said plurality of trigger fields further include at least one textual tag adapted to be launched by a user clicking on ~~said trigger~~ one of said trigger fields, said at least one textual tag including associated instruction embedded therein for executing a subroutine program.

19. (Original) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 18, wherein said subroutine program launches a streaming playback of a complete media product from a server.

20. (Original) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 18, wherein said GUI is provided on a remotely located website, and said subroutine program launches download of said ore-recorded media product being previewed into a remotely located computer.

21. (Original) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 20, wherein said download of said pre-recorded media product being previewed constitutes purchasing of said pre-recorded media product.

22. (Original) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 18, wherein said GUI is provided on a remotely located website, and said subroutine program flags said pre-recorded media product being previewed for purchase, said website further comprising a "shopping cart" which is at least temporarily assigned to a visitor of said website, said "shopping cart" being adapted to keep track of media products flagged for purchase.

23. (Currently Amended) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 22, wherein upon purchasing of said pre-recorded media product, said purchased pre-recorded media product is downloaded into a remote computer through said a communications link.

24. (Original) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 15, wherein said plurality of pre-recorded media products is at least one of music, video, movie, electronic game program, and software program.

25. (Original) The interactive graphical user interface of claim 15, wherein said preview clip is a segment of representative of contents of one of said plurality of pre-recorded media products.

Please add the following new claims:

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the trigger field includes a trigger therein, and wherein a complete version of the pre-recorded media product is played upon selection of the trigger.

27. (New) A method, comprising:
presenting a plurality of trigger fields on a visual display of a preview device, each trigger field being associated with a media product;

preloading, via a network, the preview device with a plurality of preview clips, each preview clip being associated with a media product, each preview clip comprising a sub-portion of the corresponding media product;

permitting a user to move a pointer displayed on the visual display into one of the trigger fields;

instantly playing the preview clip associated with the trigger field upon the pointer entering the trigger field, wherein the playing of the preview clip is terminated upon the user moving the pointer out of the trigger field;

permitting the user to download via the network the entire media product associated with the preview clip upon selection of a trigger displayed in the trigger field.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the trigger field is associated with a genre, and wherein upon selection of a second trigger displayed in the trigger field, a plurality of additional trigger fields are displayed for a plurality of other media products associated with the genre.

29. (New) A method for previewing media products comprising the steps of:

providing a preview device for previewing predetermined preview clips of a plurality of pre-recorded media products, wherein said plurality of pre-recorded media products includes music, videos, movies, electric game programs, and software programs, wherein said preview clips of plurality of pre-recorded media products are stored in a media product storage device, wherein said preview device includes an immediately accessible staging memory adapted to at least temporarily store said preview clips to allow instant playing thereof, wherein said previewing device includes a display device having a graphical-user interface (GUI) and objects representing said preview clips pre-loaded into said staging memory are displayed on said display device via said GUI, wherein each of said predetermined preview clips are segments representative of content of one of said plurality of pre-recorded media products;

retrieving and pre-loading said preview clips into said staging memory of said previewing device from said media product storage device;

interactively indicating which of said plurality of pre-recorded media products is to be previewed by moving a graphically embodied cursor of said GUI over a trigger field displayed on said GUI, wherein the cursor is moved by an input device operated by the user;

upon said cursor entering said trigger field, instantly playing said preview clips of an indicated pre-record media product in real time without noticeable delay;

instantly terminating playing of said preview clip of an indicated pre-recorded media product when said cursor leaves said trigger field; and

wherein each trigger field includes therein a plurality of selectable textual tags including a first textual tag for launches a streaming playback of a complete media product from a server, a second textual tag for launching download of said ore-recorded media product being previewed into a remotely located computer.